



March 20, 2012

Honorable Pete Stark  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Stark:

The Center for Medicare Advocacy supports the good government concepts put forward in your bill, the Medicare Advantage Program Integrity Act. The bill will require adjustments in the amount of payments to Medicare Advantage plans to more accurately reflect the health status of their enrollees and in the timing of payments to more accurately reflect when the plans actually need the money to pay for services. The bill is a straightforward response to recommendations from the Government Accounting Office and the Office of Inspector General that will tighten Medicare operations, strengthen the Medicare Trust Funds and provide savings to the Medicare program without imposing greater burdens on Medicare beneficiaries and their families.

Thank you for introducing this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith A. Stein", is written over a light gray, textured rectangular background.

Judith A. Stein, Executive Director